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Slugger sees stars

San Diego Padre Ryan Klesko talks baseball with Gen. James L. Jones, Commandant of the Marine Corps, moments before the team of the Navy and Marine Corps faced the New York Mets Tuesday at Qualcomm Stadium. General Jones threw the ceremonial first pitch in a game that saw the Friars blank the Mets 6-0.

While in town the general was also the guest speaker at the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce Military Affairs Advisory Council Breakfast, met with prestigious San Diegans and visited Miramar and the Marine Corps Recruit Depot. Photo by Cpl. Micheal O. Foley

3d MAW pilots simulate flying fighter of future

By Cpl. C.A. Eriksen

CPAO, MCAS Miramar

Representatives from Boeing Co. brought the Joint Strike Fighter simulator here, Aug. 8 through 10. It is hoped that being exposed to the simulator will give pilots a better understanding of the JSF programs' potential benefits to the Marine Corps.

The visit intended to dispel rumors that the weapons system and performance have been compromised to be less than those of current aircraft. The goal is to increase knowledge of operations, support and maintenance benefits that JSF brings force commanders, aviators and maintainers, according to the Boeing press release. The 3d Marine Aircraft Wing pilots found the system would in fact do the job.

"It makes it a lot easier to accomplish your mission. The navigation system is awesome," said Capt. Carl Briley, Marine All-Weather Fighter Attack Squadron 121.

The Joint Strike Fighter Program, formerly the Joint Advanced Strike Technology Program, is the Department of Defense's focal point for developing affordable, next-generation, strike-aircraft-weapon systems for the Navy, Air Force, Marines, and our allies.

The focus of the program is affordability — reducing the development cost, production cost, and cost of ownership of the JSF family of aircraft. The program is accom-

plishing this by facilitating the Services' development of fully validated, affordable operational requirements, and lowering risk by investing in and demonstrating key leveraging technologies and operational concepts prior to the start of Engineering and Manufacturing Development of the JSF in 2001.

According to the Joint Strike Fighter Program's Web site, it is the Marine Corps intent to use the JSF as a Short Take-off and Vertical Landing aircraft to replace the AV-8B Harrier and the F/A-18 Hornet as the Corps' only strike fighter.

The cockpit demonstrator shows unclassified representative systems and their integration to bring pilots a glimpse of what the JSF is all about.

Visitors to the simulator received a brief on the various aspects of the cockpit design, the rationale behind the operational requirements and an overview of the systems available to the pilot. Visitors then got what they came for — a chance to see the systems in action.

"The only thing that could make this better is if we could have it next week," said Maj. Gen. William G. Bowdon, Commander, Marine Corps Air Bases Western Area.

The final stage of that review process will begin later this month, officials said. Both Boeing Co. and Lockheed Martin Corp. companies are testing demonstrator planes at Edwards Air Force Base, and a contract that could ultimately be worth \$200 billion is to be awarded this fall.

Government Travel Charge Card changes policies

By Sgt. W. A. Napper Jr.

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Government Travel Charge Card holders here were recently made aware of several changes affecting the use of the GTCC.

According to Maj. Jeff Sokoly, Headquarters Marine Corps GTCC program manager, the changes were made effective Aug. 10, due to an increase in bad debt by the Department of Defense card holders.

"The Department of Defense agreed to these changes proposed by the Bank of America," said Sokoly.

"This more closely mirrors how they do business in the private sector."

Sokoly said the main reason for the changes is a \$57 million tab for charged off DoD accounts — \$2.8 million of which belongs to the Marine Corps.

One of the biggest changes comes directly from the Bank of America. Throughout the next six months it will automatically reduce credit lines and velocity limits on restricted and standard cards.

For standard cards, the new credit limit is \$2,500 per month, with \$250 available for cash advances. For restricted cards, the new credit limit is \$1,000 per month with \$125 available for cash advances.

Although the limits have been reduced, many of the more frequent travelers will require temporary raises in their credit limits. In order to raise that limit they can contact their GTCC agency program coordinator before traveling.

Another change for DoD accounts is to the policy regarding cash advance fees. Now a fee of \$2 or three percent, whichever is greater, will be assessed to the account. The expense is reimbursable and can be claimed on a travel voucher.

A late fee of \$29 will now be assessed to all DoD accounts at 75 days past the closing date on any statement when a charge first appeared.

Unlike the cash advance fee, the late fee is not reimbursable and continues to accrue on a monthly basis until the account — and the late fees — are paid in full.

An insufficient funds fee of \$29 will also be assessed for any returned checks. This fee is also nonrefundable.

Another change to accounts is the pay by phone fee. Since April 30, Bank of America will charge a \$10 fee to anyone who pays their bill by the check-over-the-phone method. This is also a non-reimbursable expense.

The final change to all DoD accounts is a one-time charge of \$20 for all GTCC cards that require Federal Express delivery. The fee will be charged to the cardholder's account, although it does not apply to the emergency replacement of lost, stolen or damaged cards in a travel status. This fee is reimbursable and can be claimed on a travel voucher.

"The increased fees are to cover (the Bank of America's) cost of recovery," Sokoly said. "This not only limits the risk to the bank, but reduces the delinquency (of card holders)."

Sokoly said that a Marine Administrative Message is expected to come out within the next few weeks.

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Headquarters
Marine Corps GTCC
program manager

Marines, Sailors offered clever boost on college education with SMART



Lance Cpl. Carl Orrell, Staff Judge Advocate scopist, walks into the Miramar Education Office. The Education Office offers Marines and Sailors the service of ordering their SMART and sending it directly to the college of their choice. Photo by Sgt. W.A. Napper Jr.

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Marines and Sailors here can get credit for military experience applied toward their college education with the use of a simple document.

This document allows them to get college credits before they even open a textbook or talk to a college administrator.

The Sailor/Marine American Council on Education Registry Transcript, or SMART, lists the recommended college credit for military experience and training. The American Council on Education, an organization recognized by colleges and universities around the country, makes the recommendations. The Naval Education and Training Professional Development and Technology Center in Pensacola, Fla., produces the SMART free of charge for all members of the sea services.

"SMART is the tool colleges use to evaluate their military tools for college credit," said Chuck Banks, Life Long Learning Center assistant education officer. "In many jobs with technical skills they'll already have 30 to 40 credits in math and science just from doing their job in the military."

There are two versions of the SMART – the individual SMART and the institutional SMART. The individual SMART is an unofficial, personal copy that the servicemember can use to plan for their degree.

The individual SMART can be obtained from the education center in Pensacola and the Naval College Center. To obtain the form they require name, social security number, date of birth and full home address of the

servicemember. The LLLC can also print an unofficial copy of the transcript or order the institutional SMART.

The institutional SMART is the official copy mailed directly to the designated college or university. Academic institutions will not accept transcripts directly from servicemembers. A SMART request form must be filled out for it to be sent to any college or university. Forms can be obtained from the LLLC or from www.navycollege.navy.mil. Within three working days the SMART will be in the mail.

The SMART gives credit recommendations for military occupations held, completed military training courses and college-level examinations taken at military testing sites. Other learning experience for which there is no matching credit recommendation is also listed, as well as a reason why there is no matching ACE credit. However, no college course taken before enlistment in the military will be listed on the SMART.

If any information is missing on the SMART, Marines can update their SMART using the Marine Corps Total Force System, although changes may not be updated for up to 30 days later.

The SMART not only assists academic institutions in awarding credit for military experiences and training, but it may also reduce tuition expenses for Marines and Sailors.

"It shortens the path to getting the degree," said Banks. "Why should someone who's already gone through boot camp have to take a P.E. class every year?"

For more information on the SMART or advanced education, contact the LLLC at 577-1801.

Rumsfeld: Changes for the military are likely

By Lance Cpl. John Lawson III

Public Affairs, HQMC

WASHINGTON – Changes in American military strategy, changes in the size of America's military, modernization of military equipment, and quality of life for military personnel were among the topics Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld addressed during a "town hall meeting" at the Pentagon Thursday morning.

While emphasizing his desire to make changes, Secretary Rumsfeld also stressed that political and budgetary realities will have a lot to do with the structure and use of America's military in the years to come.

The Department of Defense is currently in a period of study and analysis. Every four years it must give Congress a review of strategy and budgets.

The next review is due early this fall. Military personnel, DoD employees, and those who follow defense policies have raised many questions while waiting to see what direction military policy will take.

August 9, military personnel and DoD employees in the auditorium, as well as those watching on TV and communicating by fax or e-mail, had a chance to ask Secretary Rumsfeld questions.

In answering those questions, and in a prepared statement that he delivered at the beginning of the meeting, Secretary Rumsfeld sketched out his aims and concerns.

"Our forces and our equipment have been, in a sense, overused," he said. America currently finds itself with a "force-strategy mismatch."

The United States must decrease the demands it makes

on the military or beef up its forces, Secretary Rumsfeld said.

Exactly what will happen on the force-strategy question is still under review, he added.

Secretary Rumsfeld's advisers are examining what America does worldwide, country by country and operation by operation.

Deployments to global hot spots can advance America's policies and give the military valuable training, Secretary Rumsfeld said. At some point, however, the deployments start to get out of hand.

"It has to be done at a level that's rational," he said. Many observers identify Secretary Rumsfeld with ballistic missile defense, but Aug. 9, he noted that military hardware isn't the only realm that presents opportunities for modernization.

He identified Information Technology as a crucial area for improvement.

"I can't imagine anyone picking two or three top priorities and not including that one," he said.

Currently, he said, DoD is "a long way" from the cutting edge of Information Technology.

He said this must change because we are and will continue to be "very dependent on information and situational awareness."

At the same time, he noted, keeping abreast of technology is a constant race that has no finish line.

"It's moving so fast – technology does – that we will never be perfect," he said.

Secretary Rumsfeld also said the infrastructure that sustains the military on a daily basis and all the peripheral ingredients that give personnel a high quality of life are in need of major attention. He cited a recent visit to some military housing.

"I went down there and looked at some of these [base] houses, and it is just terrible," he said.

He raised the possibility that some sort of partnership with the private sector could eliminate what he characterized as the "disgraceful" current situation.

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Donald Rumsfeld
Secretary of Defense

question about base closings.

He said it is "unwise" and "imprudent" to spend money on unnecessary bases instead of improved weapons.

The political realities of reducing the number of bases, however, make it impossible to foresee what money can be freed up and what money will remain tied to bases.

As defense policy moves from the present to the future, Secretary Rumsfeld said he is planning on a departure from business as usual.

"If you talk about change, it makes people nervous," he noted. However, while people prefer the familiar to the unfamiliar, improvement is impossible without change, he said.

"What's wrong with change?" he asked. "We ought to be able to do better."

Fiery flight line ...

Firefighters torch runway

By Cpl. Kristopher S. Haloj

CPAO, MCAS Miramar

In preparation for the 2001 Miramar Air Show, firefighters with the Miramar Fire Department set part of the runway aflame July 28.

Approximately 22 acres of brush on and around the airfield was burned off to prevent it from accidentally igniting during the air show's pyrotechnics display, according to Larry Kern, Miramar fire chief.

San Diego Fire Department's Brush Engine 38 assisted the Miramar Fire Department in the burn.

"Due to the grass recently being cut, we

were only able to complete about 40 percent of what we wanted to accomplish in the area south of runway two - four," said Kern.

"It is very hard to burn the brush after being cut, due to the fact that it is so short."

According to Kern, the mid-field area where they had to eliminate the brush, was a great success. The department was able to complete 80 to 90 percent of the targeted area.

Miramar Fire Department officials used the burn as a chance to train 12 new firefighters to the department in Wild Land Training.

During the burn, the new firefighters were able to practice their line-cutting and line holding techniques, said Kern.



Station 61 firefighters burn the brush off Miramar's airfield in preparation for the 2001 Air Show. The burn is conducted to prevent it from accidentally catching fire during the pyrotechnics portion of the show. Photo by Master Sgt. William L. Osborn



Tricycle built for two

Corporal Neil D. Barnes and Lance Cpl. Nicholas Frasco, HMM-165 (reinforced) airframes mechanics, bring tools to help troubleshoot a CH-53 Super Stallion via a squadron's tricycle. Barnes, a native of Bessemer, N.C., and Frasco, a native of Westmont, Ill., both agree that the tricycle makes the job of getting tools and equipment to the aircraft easier and quicker. Photo by Sgt. Mike Camacho

Soldiers' and Sailors' Act – what servicemembers should know

By Sgt. Mike Camacho

CPAO, MCAS Miramar

The Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act was passed by Congress in the 1940s to protect individuals serving on active duty from suffering as a result of their service.

Active-duty servicemembers need to be aware of this federal law designed specifically for their protection.

The act works to servicemembers' benefit in many ways. One of these benefits includes payment of state taxes. The act provides that any servicemember serving in a state other than their home state is not required to pay state income tax on military income to the state in which they are currently stationed. Instead, the tax is paid to the individual's home state.

In the same manner, servicemembers may not be obligated to register their vehicle in the state where they are stationed. However, the servicemember's vehicle must meet the registration requirements of their home state. This act was designed to keep soldiers and Sailors out of debt due to active-duty service. This applies to driver's licenses as well.

The Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act also provides for a reduction in interest rates for most loans incurred before entering military service.

If a loan occurred before active-duty military service and being an active-duty servicemember materially affects the servicemember's ability to pay, the act provides for a reduction of the interest rate to six percent for the duration of military

service.

In order to qualify for the six percent interest rate cap, servicemembers must prove to the creditor that their military service affects their ability to meet their financial obligations.

The act also protects servicemembers from default judgments being entered against them in a civil suit as a result of their inability to appear in court due to military duties.

Court proceedings can be delayed until the individual's duties allow him to return to participate in the court proceeding.

It must be noted, however, that this act does have limits to what it can do. To start, it only provides protection for persons serving on active duty.

The protections generally do not extend to reservists, retirees or military dependents. However, if a reservist is called to active duty and can prove that active-duty service will affect their ability to pay, then the servicemember qualifies until the end of active duty.

It also does not allow a servicemember to escape civil liability or postpone civil court cases indefinitely.

Proceedings are only delayed long enough so the servicemember can arrange to appear in court.

Finally, this act only applies to civil matters, not criminal or administrative proceedings.

This is only a short summary of the major protections and limits of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act.

For more information contact Miramar's Legal Services Office at 577-1656.

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Salute: Vietnam War heroes

By Cpl. Rob Henderson

Commentary

The Vietnam War Memorial came into Balboa Park Friday morning, and with it came the memories of combat in a distant jungle against a virtually unseen enemy. The veterans – the warriors – who flocked to the Wall this weekend are the last of a noble breed of American.

The final chapter in their heartbreaking ordeal is being written. How did they cope with the after-effects of their combat experiences? Until you have been to the Vietnam War Memorial in Washington, or until you have seen the names on the traveling Wall, it is impossible to imagine the mental anguish the survivors of the Vietnam War are still going through today.

However, the survivors are facing their past with pride, dignity, and most importantly, with reverence to their fallen comrades. An undying commitment to preserving the memories of all American servicemen who perished during the Vietnam War connects Vietnam veterans through an unexplainable bond. It's impossible for me to fathom, because I have never experienced combat.

What I have experienced is the bond that ties Vietnam veterans to each other. I have been fortunate enough to see the Vietnam War Memorial in Washington, as well as the traveling version. In both experiences I have seen grown men sobbing at the base of the panel that holds their friend's name. I have seen gold watches, war decorations, American flags and hand-written letters left at the

Wall as a memorial to the dead.

I feel so lucky, because I have been afforded a private glimpse into the lives of men who fought gallantly for this country. They, through their undying commitment to their dead, have given an entire nation the opportunity to remember the heroes of a war labeled "unpopular" at the time. They have given us a chance to see the names of our fellow Americans – men and women from every corner of this country – who died an "unpopular" death on foreign soil. The nation has been given a chance to redeem herself by the same veterans who were spat upon during the height of tensions in Vietnam.

Every time I see the Wall's reflective surface calling the role of the dead for

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Allow Marines – all Marines – to drink at E-Club

By 1st Lt. Joshua G. Rushing

Commentary

After a young Marine killed a California Highway Patrolman while driving back from a drinking binge in Tijuana, the CHP has vowed to flood the Interstate 5 with patrol officers during pre-dawn hours.

Meanwhile, we Marine leaders are left scratching our heads, wondering what else can we do. More safety stand-downs? More safety briefs? Do I need to personally drive each of my Marines home in the evenings, not to rest until I've tucked every U.S. Marine in my charge safely into their rack?

When will we realize that underage Marines are going to drink? They have for generations and will continue to for generations to come. If we can't stop them from drinking, then why don't we entice them to stay home, i.e. on station?

It is time to reconsider the drinking age aboard our bases and air stations. It is time to accept a single age of consent. If you are old enough to accept an order to charge a machine gun bunker, jump on a grenade or sacrifice your life for this grand nation we call home; if you are old enough to vote, marry, produce offspring, fix multi-million-dollar aircraft that the world's finest pilots fly — then you are old enough to drink.

Let's open up the clubs to allow Marines to stay here and drink, rather than risk the drive back from Tijuana, which they are currently flocking to by the multitude. This way, a drunken Marine can stumble back to his or her barracks, never needing to risk getting behind the wheel.

Put military police guards on both sides of the gates to do identification checks on the way off station during peak club hours, so if a Marine does make the wrong decision we can stop him or her before they get on the highway.

This will increase club usage giving the Marine Corps Community Services Single Marine Program a larger pool of customers with which to work. Maybe they can put their creative minds together and figure out a way to attract more visitors of the opposite sex to the club.

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Mir *Remarks*

What incentives convinced you or would convince you to reenlist?



"I'm not going to reenlist. I'm ready to move on and do different things."

Cpl. Orion J. Godfrey
MALS-16
avionics



"To teach new Marines and watch them succeed. If I was going to reenlist, I would go instructor in a heartbeat."

Sgt. Lance D. Long
HMM-165
airframe mechanic



"A nondeployable status and a pay raise to minimize the gap in pay between military members and their civilian counterparts."

Cpl. Andrew D. Willier
HMM-161
mechanic

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Beans, bullets and bandages

Logistics Marines ensure Corps' readiness

By Sgt. W.A. Napper Jr.

CPAO, MCAS Miramar

The Marine looks through his rifle scope at the frozen tundra before him. He's searching, searching for an enemy who can look like any of the hundreds of snow banks out there. He's been lying here for hours now and the chills ride up and down his spine. He wishes he had a cup of coffee.

Suddenly his scope catches a brief glint of reflected sunlight. He scans, hunting for the source of that glint. Then in a moment of luck he sees the face of the enemy.

With the cross hairs on the face of the enemy the Marine remembers his basic rifle skills – good bone support, slow, steady squeeze and steady breathing. He squeezes the trigger – then, click.

He looks down at his rifle in disbelief. Where are the rounds? Then he remembers the resupply from the logistics Marines never came. If only he had some rounds to fire ...

It's a simple fact: without logistics Marines we would not be able to deploy anywhere.

"Logistics is the science of planning and carrying out the movement and maintenance of forces," said Chief Warrant Officer 2 Wesley Bowman, Marine Wing Support Group 37 embarkation officer.

"Logistics is the difference between the click and bang. Without us, Marines don't eat, don't get rounds and don't get Band-Aids."

Before a unit deploys, logistic Marines must first determine what is needed for sustainment. Everything is taken into consideration – the kind of unit deploying, where they are going, the mission, even the weather can be a factor for what gear is taken.

"I can't think of anything we don't supply or procure – that's our business," said Sgt. Kevin Hewitt, MWSSG-37 supply NCO. "We'll buy just about anything."

Logistics encompasses a wide spectrum of military occupational specialties in the Marine Corps – supply, maintenance, transportation, traffic management, landing support, medical, dental and food services. Logistic Marines, for the most part, attend the Logistics Operations School at Marine Corps Base Camp Johnson, N.C.

Depending on the specific MOS, Marines could go for as few as four weeks to become a maintenance and management specialist or a logistics and embarkation combat service support specialist or even an air delivery specialist.

"Look at America's 911 force," said Bowman. "She can't get to the fight without logistics. She can't get repaired or stay supplied without us."



Corporal Angel Rios, MWSS-373 assistant warehouse chief, puts the finishing touches on a storage crate in the squadron's warehouse. Photo by Sgt. W.A. Napper Jr.

Even the 3d Marine Aircraft Wing recognizes the importance of logistics in the Marine Corps.

During a colors ceremony at the 3d MAW Headquarters Building, Aug. 10, Maj. Gen. Charles F. Bolden Jr., commanding general, 3d MAW, praised

logistics Marines for all they do for the Wing.

"The Marine Wing Support Group – they're awesome, and I don't think many of us understand what they do," he said. "They pump gas, they make water – they really are the heart and soul of the Wing."



Dishing it out

Private First Class Michael D. White, Marine Wing Support Squadron 373 cook, serves a warriors' breakfast to Marines of MWSS-373 after a squadron eight-mile conditioning hike. Photo by Cpl. Mike Camacho

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Visitors, patriots reflect at moving Wall



A lone bugler, dressed in all black, sounds "Taps" during the candlelight vigil. The crowd bowed their heads and observed a moment of silence as the song echoed throughout Balboa Park. *Photo by Cpl. Rob Henderson*



Marines from Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego's, Basic Marine Platoon, gather around an information table at the Wall's set-up party. The entire platoon volunteered to help set up the Wall. *Photo by Cpl. Rob Henderson*

By Cpl. Rob Henderson

CPAO, MCAS Miramar

San Diego's Vietnam Veterans Association, Chapter 472, held the Vietnam Wall Experience in Balboa Park Aug. 10 through Aug. 12.

The Vietnam Wall Experience is one of four traveling memorials fashioned after the Vietnam War Memorial in Washington. The idea behind the traveling memorial is to give every American the opportunity to view the names on the Wall.

Volunteers, including veterans, civilians, Marines and Sailors from all over San Diego County, helped set up the Wall Aug. 9. More than 200 individuals converged on the lawn of the Veteran's Memorial Center in Balboa Park to begin unloading it at 8 a.m.

"We volunteered to provide support to the veterans, because this is such a worthy cause. Every person, especially service-members, should be given the opportunity to see this memorial," said Chief Petty Officer Sydney A. Barnwell, leading petty officer of medical mobilization, Naval

Medical Center, San Diego.

The official opening of the Wall was Aug. 11, at 10 a.m. The ceremony included a wreath laying at the Wall and the reading of the first few names inscribed on the Wall.

The reading continued for 20 minutes every hour for the duration of the Vietnam Wall Experience.

The event ended with a candlelight vigil Aug. 12 at 7 p.m. Obed Fernandez, Office of the Director representative, Veteran's Affairs, San Diego Healthcare Systems, spoke about the ongoing need to provide healthcare to Vietnam veterans. After his speech, all Vietnam veterans were invited on stage to begin the vigil.

After lighting their own candles, the veterans walked through the crowds lighting the candles of all the guests at the ceremony. Once everyone had a lit candle, the crowd observed a moment of silence as a lone bugler played "Taps."

Finally, the candles were placed at the base of the memorial in memory of all those who gave their lives during the Vietnam War.

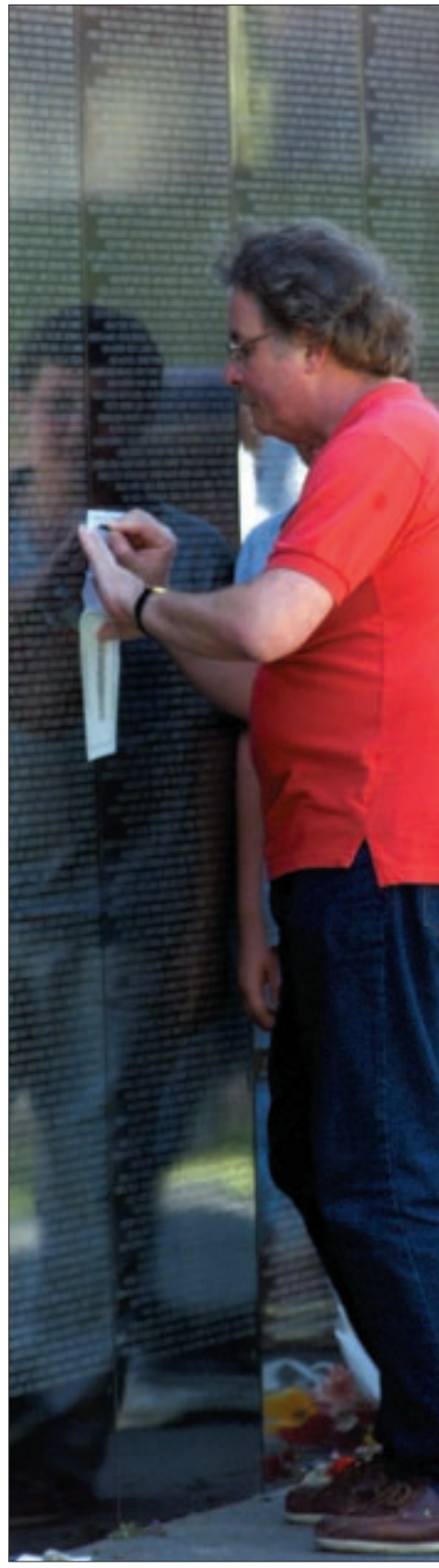


Obed Fernandez, representative, Veteran's Affairs, San Diego Healthcare Systems, speaks at the candlelight vigil about Veteran's healthcare. *Photo by Cpl. Rob Henderson*

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San Diego Fire Department firemen discuss the enormous number of names on the Wall. SDFD came in shifts to view the Wall. *Photo by Cpl. Rob Henderson*



Visitors to the Vietnam Wall Experience get the opportunity to make rubbings of names on the Wall. The name is covered by a sheet of paper and then shaded in with a pencil. *Photo by Cpl. Rob Henderson*

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Armed Forces Golf Championships underway here

By Cpl. C.A. Eriksen

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Following the All-Marine Golf Team trials last week, servicemembers from the sister services came to challenge the Corps' team at the Armed Forces Golf Championship.

The championship kicked off Tuesday at the U.S. Marine Corps Memorial Golf Course here.

Lieutenant Col. Thomas K. Farrell, assistant chief of staff, G-1, Marine Corps Air Bases Western Area, presided over the tournament's opening ceremony Tuesday at 8 a.m. and the first round started at 8:30 a.m.

Competition is tough with 24 male golfers competing for six open slots and four senior (40 and older) slots. Eight female golfers are competing for four female slots, according to Bob L. Stopp, Marine Corps Community Services Miramar athletic director.

The tournament consists of 72 holes – 18 holes each day – over the four-day tournament.

Even par for the course is 72 and even par for the tournament is 288. Winners will be determined based upon the lowest cumulative score.

Major Gen. William G. Bowdon, Commander, Marine Corps Air Bases Western Area, will recognize the winners in each division at an awards ceremony today at 2 p.m.

Winners will represent the U.S. Armed Forces in the Conseil International Du Sport Militaire games in Canada – the military equivalent to the Olympics, according to Stopp.

A banquet was held 5 p.m. Monday at the Officers' Club with Tom Addis, former president of the Professional Golfer's Association of America, as the guest speaker.

It has been really exciting to be able to hold both the All-Marine Team trials and the Armed Forces Championship here, said Stopp.

Players of the All-Marine Team trials find the course to be challenging because the grounds keeper had been preparing the course for the Armed Forces Golf Tournament, according to Stopp.

Many golfers agreed, including the tournament winner.

"The rough was pretty thick and tall with no real consistency, which made it tough to pick the right club. I play here on a weekly basis and this is the hardest I've seen the rough," said Cpl. Michael J. Sproat, Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego.

Sproat, Lance Cpl. Peter T. Weber, Marine Corps Base Camp S.D. Butler, Okinawa, Japan; Gunnery Sgt. John K. Bascuk, MCB Hawaii; and Lt. Col. Paul A. Karafa, MCB Camp Lejeune, represent the Marines in the open division. Their scores during the All-Marine Golf Team trials were Sproat 72-73-69-71—284; Weber 75-79-71-73—298; Bascuk 73-72-77-78—300; and Karafa 75-75-75-75—300.

Master Gunnery Sgt. Carlos E. Veintimilla and Master Gunnery Sgt. Larry J. Jones, both from MCB Camp Pendleton, represent the Marines in the senior division. Their scores during the All-Marine Golf Team trials were Veintimilla 76-75-74-80—305 and Jones 79-77-74-78—308.

Corporal Kathi Moss, Miramar, represents the Marines in the womens' division. Moss' score during the All-Marine Golf Team trials was 88-94-87-81—350. Navy Cmdr. Brenda J. Bartley joins Moss in representing the Corps in the Armed Forces Golf Championship.



Master Sgt. Mark Sorenson, Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, N.C., didn't have time to hit the beach, but still found time to play in the sand at the 16th hole during the All-Marine Golf Team Trials here. Photo by Cpl. C.A. Eriksen

WOTT throws a whoopin' on Phat Boy Connection, 27-0

By Cpl. Kristopher S. Haloj

CPAO, MCAS Miramar

Marine Aircraft Group 16 Winners Of The Tournament demolished Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 11 Phat Boy Connection 27-0 in an Intramural Flag Football game at the Youth Sports Complex here Aug. 9.

The first half of the game can only be likened to a ruthless army pillaging a small village of poor defenseless women and children. As if Conan the Barbarian burst into a nursery and just started "painting the walls

red." Defensively and offensively, WOTT just ran all over the Phat Boy Connection.

At the start of the second half things didn't look much brighter for the PBC, WOTT lead 21-0, when right at the start WOTT's Mike Houtz intercepted a short pass and ran it in, bumping up the massacre 27-0.

This was the final slap in the face – PBC could take the abuse no more. In a complete change of demeanor, the PBC defense lined up as WOTT prepared to go for the extra point. WOTT quite confident they would tip toe across the line, received an unwelcome

surprise. On both attempts PBC stood firm, preventing WOTT from scoring.

Throughout the second half the PBC defense shut down all progression by WOTT.

Unfortunately their offense couldn't get it together.

Late in the half the PBC offense began a small rally, which took them downfield and

within 15 yards of getting on the scoreboard. A bad pass down the middle was picked off by Jerry Heneha, halting PBC's efforts and canceling any chance of the team getting on the board.

"The first half, we didn't even show up," said Patrick Thrower, coach, PBC.

"The second half, we kept the ball moving which helped tremendously, but we need practice on offense."

According to Thrower, a big reason their offense is sketchy is that they have no set quarterback. Team members rotate the position throughout the game.

As for the WOTT, this game marks yet another victory and puts them one game closer to their goal – the championship.

"We played pretty good, but we can still play better," said George Burns, coach, WOTT."

All I can say is, everybody needs to watch out, because we are coming."



With game well in hand, WOTT's Dalton Lewis tries to grab a short pass on the goal line, in hopes of further embarrassing the Phat Boy Connection. The pass fell to the ground incomplete, but that didn't prevent WOTT team members from smiling as the game ended in their favor. Photo by Cpl. Kristopher S. Haloj

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DEERS/I.D. Card office closure

The Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System and I.D. Card Center will be closed Monday for system upgrades. The sections will resume normal hours Tuesday. If you need immediate assistance please call Roxanne at (619) 524-8740.

For more information call 577-1142 or 1421.

E-Club holds talent show

The station Enlisted Club will host a talent show Saturday. There will be singers, dancers and other entertainment acts. Call 577-4820 for more information.

E-Club's sports new look

The Station Enlisted Club has a new dance floor with new carpeting, black-lights and more. There will be a Hip Hop fashion show Aug. 31 at 10 p.m. presented by Hanet Stuart. There will be a \$5 cover charge. For more information call 577-4820.

Maintain OPSEC in Outlook e-mail auto replies

Everyone has experienced getting an auto reply upon sending a Microsoft Outlook e-mail, such as:

Hello, I'm on emergency leave in Podunk, Iowa, and will be back on July 27. Your e-mail to me has been automatically forwarded to 1st Lt. Oorah. If you require immediate assistance contact him at 555-1234.

This is bad Operational Security because the individual informs a potential bad guy that not only himself but likely his entire family is away from home which increases the risk of quarters being burglarized. Here's another example:

I'm on temporary assigned duty to Washington from July 15 to July 27, staying at Leatherneck Hotel and will be checking my e-mail via laptop daily.

This is bad OPSEC, not only because it informs anyone of the Marine's absence from the local area, but targets exactly where he is, and that he has a government laptop with him. The laptop may possibly contain sensitive data, he will very likely leave unattended in his hotel room.

If the Marine doesn't want to drag his government laptop everywhere he goes, the laptop should be secured in the hotel front desk safe, or an in-room safe, if so equipped. It also should never be left unattended in a rental car.

Laptops are very vulnerable to theft. The point is to be as generic as possible when drafting Microsoft Outlook e-mail automatic replies. Practice good OPSEC.

Family Footlocker makes parenting easier

Learn new tips, tricks and techniques for better parenting in "Family Footlocker," a class sponsored by Miramar's Counseling Center and New Parent Support Group. Classes run from Aug. 28 to Oct. 2, and will be held Tuesday nights from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Murphy Canyon Chapel (in the Rear Admiral White Small Chapel).

Participants are welcome to bring a brown-bag dinner. Limited childcare will be provided. Registration is required. Call 577-9812 or (619) 524-0805.

Be a good sponsor

Have you been selected to sponsor a Marine coming to Miramar? The Marine Corps Community Services' Relocation Program offers a one-hour training session every Wednesday at 9 a.m. in the Joint Reception Center.

Call 577-1428 for more information.

Two-for-one Chargers tickets for Military Appreciation Day

Servicemembers can purchase two tickets for the price of one for the Chargers' Military Appreciation Day game Aug. 25.

Tickets must be purchased by servicemembers at the Chargers Ticket Office located at Qualcomm stadium's Gate E. Active-duty military identification cards must be shown at the time of purchase. The ticket office is open from 8 a.m.- 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 9 a.m.- 4 p.m. on Saturdays.

Library holds reading program

The Station library is currently holding the Summer Reading Program for youth. There will also be prizes and crafts. Call 577-6316 for details.

SNCO Club Features DJ Fridays

The Staff NCO Club now has a disc jockey on-site from 4:30-10:30 p.m. For more information, call 577-4808.

Partial gym closure

The West side of the main gym will be closed for an energy upgrade Aug. 10-31 from 6:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

MCRD Museum to hold dinner

The MCRD Museum Historical Society is hosting its annual Globe & Anchor dinner Sept. 15 at the U.S. Grant Hotel in San Diego.

Proceeds go toward assisting the museum educational programs and in acquiring Ma-

Free movies from MCCS

Today

Doctor Dolittle 2

The Fast & the Furious

Crazy/Beautiful

(PG) 4:30 p.m.

(PG-13) 6:30 p.m.

(PG-13) 8:45 p.m.

Saturday

Atlantis: The Lost Empire

A.I. Artificial Intelligence

Sunday

Atlantis: The Lost Empire

Swordfish

(PG) 6:30 p.m.

(PG-13) 8:30 p.m.

(PG) 1 p.m.

(R) 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday

Laura Croft: Tomb Raider

(PG-13) 6:30 p.m.

Thursday

Doctor Dolittle 2

Crazy/Beautiful

(PG) 2 p.m.

(PG-13) 6:30 p.m.

The Station theater is equipped with a 35 mm projection system and Dolby Digital Surround Sound. All movies are free for DoD ID card holders and their guests. For movie synopses see the current theater flyer or call 577-4143.

rine Corps artifacts. For more information call (619) 542-4426 or e-mail at Pat@usmchistory.com.

O'Club hosts Summer Blowout

The Station Officer's Club is hosting a Summer Blowout happy hour buffet from 4 -6 p.m. and a burger bar from 6-8 p.m Aug. 31.

For more information call 577-4808.

Change in calling off Station

The code to dial off Station for fire department, police station or medical is now 9911 or 99911.

Pistol range dates canceled

There have been several closings for reserve shootings. The following dates are af-

fected: Aug. 25-26, Sept. 8-9 and Sept. 22. Call 577-1788 for more information.

3d MAW to hold run

There will be a 3d MAW Semper Fit Run Aug. 31 at 6:30 a.m. The event will start at the 3d MAW headquarters building. The run begins the day's safety stand down.

H&HS holds unit SACO training

Gunnery Sgt. Leigh is available to provide unit SACO training. For more information, call 577-4490.

Pool offers scuba-diving classes

Scuba classes are offered year-round at the station 50-meter pool. The classes run for two weeks and include five ocean dives. For more information call 577-4137.

Volunteer opportunities

◆ The Wetland Avengers, an Aquatic Adventures Science Education Foundation project, is seeking military volunteers to help restore the wetland habitats of San Diego County.

The project will begin at 9 a.m., Sept. 8. For more information contact Melissa Studer at 274-0724.

◆ AIDS Walk San Diego needs volunteers Oct. 7, to help set up, man the booths, provide security and register other volunteers.

The AIDS Walk raises money for HIV and AIDS awareness programs, research, and screenings. For more information contact Marcella Martin at (619) 260-1068.

◆ Help beautify the San Diego community by volunteering to plant trees. Most plantings take place on Saturday morning. The project will stretch between Aug. 4 and Oct. 27. For more information contact Patrick Stevenson at (619) 697-0151.

◆ The BEST Mentor Program is look-

ing for mentors to help troubled children in the San Diego area. The program needs volunteers who have at least one day a week to spend 2-3 hours with a child.

The time should be spent doing positive, meaningful activities that will instill a sense of value in the child. For more information call Calvin Clayton at (619) 297-8111.

◆ Do you have an interest in military aviation history? The Flying Leatherneck Museum is looking for volunteer docents and gift shop attendants.

The museum has aircraft from World War II, the Korean War, Vietnam War and the Persian Gulf War. The museum is located on Station and is open to the public.

Call the Flying Leatherneck Historical Foundation at 693-1723 for details.

◆ The PARTNERS mentor program is seeking volunteers for at-risk youth ages 10-17.

Call Venesa at (619) 584-5797.

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mourners, I can't help but think of my role as a Marine today. We are a band of brothers. We have sworn to never leave one of our own dead or wounded on the battlefield, and as Marines, the example set by the Vietnam veterans is one we should strive to emulate.

They have made a life-long commitment to not leave their dead in the jungles of Vietnam. They have opened a nation's eyes to the health-care issues surrounding their wounded, including post-traumatic stress disorder. More importantly, they have found a way to move forward in life with their comrades of yesterday in tow. For that, I will continue to salute the brave men and women who have given so freely of themselves: the heroes of the Vietnam War.

Drink,
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As unpolitically correct as it sounds to admit it, single Marines spend their weekends going out to drink and meet members of the opposite sex. I know this is a huge generalization, but if you're a young, single Marine and it doesn't fit you, then I am willing to bet dollars to doughnuts that you are

in the minority.
The trick is to give Marines every reason to stay on station, minimizing the allure of going out in town. To do this, we must give all Marines the privilege of drinking at their prospective clubs, and then give them compelling reasons to stay and have their good time here.

There are two caveats that I'll tack on to this privilege to keep a couple of counter arguments in check. The first is that the age to buy alcohol in the Jet Mart should remain 21 to discourage Marines from buying it on station and then taking it elsewhere to be consumed.



The second catch is that underage Ma-

rines can only buy beer and wine. With their greater mass and lower alcohol levels it will give club management longer to observe and intercede, if necessary, before a patron's drinking can get too far out of control.

I realize that the suggestion to lower the drinking age on station in order to solve an alcohol-related problem sounds counter-intuitive, and that in doing so you may take on a host of new problems, such as an increased number of disputes at the club; however, as the flag flies at half-mast over the state Capitol for the fallen highway patrolman, it is time for us to think outside the box before one of our own puts another victim in a box.

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